



Honorable Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

The following amendments and remarks are being submitted pursuant to the provisions of 37 CFR 1.111 in response to the Office Action of August 29, 2000.

AMENDMENTS

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Page 8, line 22, change "between" to --, including--;
line 23, between "11" and "and" insert --, the stepped portion 14,--;
line 24, change "14" to --l--; and
line 25, change "of" to --on--.

Page 9, line 1, change "14" to --l--;
lin 5, change "14" to --l--; and